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I find it ironic that Microsoft is proposing to settle their anti-trust case by giving away software to schools -- a market they currently do not completely dominate. And guess what, the lure of "free" software will make competing products untenable (because of cost) to schools, thus further solidifying Microsoft's monopoly by expanding it into yet another market! Only the government could think this a good settlement.

While I am by no means a fan of anti-trust law and think that for the most part it does not achieve its intended ends, I must say that I find many of Microsoft's business practices to be highly unethical and was pleased to see the DOJ pursuing Microsoft over some of these issues. Especially after they so flagrantly violated the intent of the original consent decree they signed. Do you really think they will abide by the terms of the current settlement that is being arranged? If so, I have some waterfront property you might be interested in...